

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 43-56 are pending in this application.

Claims 43-56 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,610,141.

B. Section §112

Claims 43 and 50 have been amended as requested by the Examiner, so this objection is moot.

C. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 43-56.

* Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.130(b) and 37 CFR 1.321(c) to obviate the rejection and expedite allowance of all of the pending claims. Applicants traverse the various findings, upon which the Office relies, in making the nonstatutory double patenting rejections. However, Applicants will not burden the Office with arguments at this time in view of the fact that the rejections are obviated by the submission of the terminal disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the pending claims satisfy the requirements for patentability. Applicants therefore respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 43-56.

* Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$125.00 for a one-month extension and the Terminal Disclaimer.

The Commissioner is requested to charge any fee deficiency or overpayment in connection with this application to Deposit Account 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul I. J. Fleischut, Reg. No. 35,513
SENNIGER POWERS
One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 231-5400

PIF/leb

*Enclosures

Express Mail No. EV 455484701 US